could not be issued in time because of a complaint received against selection of the dealer. The complaint has been investigated by the company in line with their grievance redressal system, which also involved asking the complainant to substantiate the allegations. The investigation has since been completed and, based on the outcome of the investigation and the competent authority's decision thereon, the company has issued an LOI to the dealer-select on 3.8.2005. It is not possible to indicate the exact time-frame within which this retail outlet will be made operational as commissioning of any outlet depends on various factors like acquisition of land, obtaining no objection certificate/clearances from various authorities, etc.

HPCL is investigating the matter of the delay in the issue of the LOI for the retail outlet at Nawabganj, Bareilly. Any action against official(s) concerned for this delay will depend on the outcome of this investigation.

Supply of PNG in Delhi

1689. SHRIMATI SUKHBUNS KAUR : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Piped Natural Gas (PNG) is being supplied in different areas of Delhi, through pipelines directly from HBJ pipeline;

(b) if so, the areas covered by the PNG supplies, and how the cost of PNG supplies compared with the LPG; and

(c) what are the plans for covering the rest of the capital with PNG?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Indraprastha Gas Limited (IGL) receives natural gas from HBJ at DESU terminal, and thereafter through its own pipeline network supplies CNG and PNG to consumers in Delhi. The areas covered for PNG supplies to domestic consumers are :—Golf Link, Sujan Singh Park, Sunder Nagar, Kaka Nagar, Bapa Nagar, Pandara Park, Pandara Road, Lodhi Complex, Lodhi Colony, Sarojini Nagar, Naroji Nagar, Pragati Vihar, Mohammadpur, Bharat Nagar, Friends Colony (East and West), New Friends Colony, Ishwar Nagar, Kalindi Colony, Khan Market, Maharani Bagh, Jor Bagh, Asiad Village, Sukhdev Vihar, Sarita Vihar (Pocket A & H), Zakir Bagh, Pant Nagar, Nizamuddin East

& West, Jangpura Extn. Jangpura, Diplomatic Enclave, Indraprastha Estate, Neeti Bagh, Gulmohar Park, Andrews Ganj Extn., Mayur Vihar, Phase I, Rohini Sectors 9,13 & 14, R.K. Puram, Vasant Kunj Pocket C-3,6/7,8 & 9 and B-11, Patparganj, I.P. Extn., Mayfair Garden, Kali Bari Marg, HUDCO.

In the domestic segment category, the price of PNG is indexed to the LPG price as sold in domestic LPG cylinders and is at present at a 2.5% discount on equivalent heating value basis.

(c) New areas are identified each year for extending PNG supply subject to economic viability. During the remaining part of the current financial year 2005-06, the following areas are planned to be covered for PNG supply:—

Rohini Sector-15, Pitam Pura, Paschim Vihar, Vikas Puri, Mayur Vihar Phase II, Vasundhara Enclave, Uday Park, Anand Lok, Gulmohar Enclave. Further, CPWD colonies of Kidwai Nagar, Laxmibai Nagar, Netaji Nagar, R.K. Puram, Sector 8, 9, 12 & 13, Andrews Ganj and Chanakya Puri may also be covered subject to confirmation of funding by CPWD.

Production of kerosene

1690. DR. M.A.M. RAMASWAMY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the kerosene supplied through Public Distribution System has not been adequate to meet the demand of public;

(b) if so, whether Government propose to direct the refineries to produce more kerosene in order to meet the shortfall;

(c) the amount of kerosene to be produced by refineries in order to maintain adequate supply of kerosene in the country; and

(d) the total demand and supply of kerosene in the country sold through PDS, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) Kerosene sold under the Public Distribution System (PDS) is an allocated product. In terms of the policy adopted